

**Typical Nationwide Permit Process
for Activities Requiring Notification in South Carolina**

1. An applicant submits a Pre-construction notification (PCN) to the Charleston District, Regulatory Division. For information on what is required for a complete PCN please see form titled Pre-construction Notification Information Requirements and the Regional Conditions for South Carolina.
2. The Corps of Engineers (COE) will determine that the PCN is complete or request additional information within 30 days.
3. Once all requested information has been received, the COE will begin the review process to determine whether the activity meets the federal criteria and any applicable regional conditions. The prospective permittee shall not begin the activity:
 - Until the applicant receives written authorization from the COE that the activity may proceed under NWP; or
 - If notified by the COE in writing that an individual permit is required; or
 - Unless 45 days have passed from the COE receipt of a complete notification and the perspective permittee has not received written notice from the COE.
4. The COE will determine that the activity meets the federal criteria and forward the PCN to, DHEC's, Bureau of Water or the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) for verification of the respective conditional certifications. The applicant will be copy furnished the forwarding letter.
5. The COE will take no further action until DHEC/OCRM verifies the activity or issues the required certification/permit. Upon receipt of the certification from DHEC/OCRM, the COE will provide an authorization letter to the applicant.
6. The COE retains discretionary authority to suspend, modify, or revoke authorizations under a NWP.
7. Every permittee who has received a NWP authorization from the COE will submit a signed certification regarding the commencement and completion work, compliance with the terms and conditions of the NWP, and execution of any required mitigation.